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"Yea, blessed are they . . . who have obeyed my gospel; for they shall receive for their reward the good things of the earth, and it shall bring forth in its strength" (Doc. & Cov. 59 : 3).

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THE PROPHET ON PRIESTHOOD.*

THE Priesthood was first given to Adam; he obtained the First Presidency, and held the keys of it from generation to generation. He obtained it in the Creation, before the world was formed, as in Gen. 1:26-28. He had dominion given him over every living creature. He is Michael the Archangel, spoken of in the Scriptures. Then to Noah, who is Gabriel; he stands next in authority to Adam in the Priesthood; he was called of God to this office, and was the father of all living in his day, and to him was given the dominion. These men held keys first on earth, and then in heaven.

The Priesthood is an everlasting principle, and existed with God from eternity, without beginning of days or end of years. The keys have to be brought from heaven whenever the Gospel is sent. When they are revealed from heaven, it is by Adam's authority.

Daniel in his seventh chapter speaks of the Ancient of Days; he means the oldest man, our Father Adam, Michael, he will call his children together and hold a council with them to prepare them for the coming of the Son of Man. He (Adam) is the father of the human family, and presides over the spirits of all men, and all that have had the keys must stand before him in this grand council. This may take place before some of us leave this stage of action. The Son of Man stands before him, and there is given him glory and dominion. Adam delivers up his stewardship to Christ, that which was delivered to him as holding the keys of the universe, but retains his standing as head of the human family.

The spirit of man is not a created being; it existed from eternity, and will exist to eternity. Anything created can not be eternal;

*An explanation given by the Prophet Joseph Smith, July 2, 1839. (Recorded in History of the Church, Vol. III., pp. 385-392.)

and earth, water, etc., had their existence in an elementary state, from eternity. Our Savior speaks of children and says, Their angels always stand before my Father. The Father called all spirits before Him at the creation of man, and organized them. He (Adam) is the head, and was told to multiply. The keys were first given to him, and by him to others. He will have to give an account of his stewardship, and they to him.

The Priesthood is everlasting. The Savior, Moses and Elias gave the keys to Peter, James and John on the mount, when they were transfigured before him. The Priesthood is everlasting—without beginning of days or end of years; without father, mother, etc. If there is no change of ordinances, there is no change of Priesthood. Wherever the ordinances of the Gospel are administered, there is the Priesthood.

How have we come at the Priesthood in the last days? It came down, down, in regular succession. Peter, James and John had it given to them and they gave it to others. Christ is the Great High Priest; Adam next.* Paul speaks of the Church coming to an innumerable company of angels—to God, the Judge of all—the spirits of just men made perfect; to Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant (Heb. 12: 23).

I saw Adam in the valley of Adam-ondi-Ahman. He called together his children and blessed them with a patriarchal blessing. The Lord appeared in their midst, and he (Adam) blessed them all, and foretold what should befall them to the latest generation.†

This is why Adam blessed his posterity; he wanted to bring them into the presence of God. They looked for a city, etc., [“whose builder and maker is God” Heb. 11: 10]. Moses sought to bring the children of Israel into the presence of God, through

*This is in keeping with the word of the Lord in a revelation given March, 1832, where the Lord, in speaking to the Saints, said that it was His desire—

“That you may come up unto the crown prepared for you, and be made rulers over many kingdoms, saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Zion, who hath established the foundations of Adam-ondi-Ahman; who hath appointed Michael your prince, and established his feet, and set him upon high, and given unto him the keys of salvation under the counsel and direction of the Holy One, who is without beginning of days or end of life.”

It is generally supposed that Brigham Young was the author of the doctrine which places Adam as the patriarchal head of the human race, and ascribes to him the dignity of future presidency over this earth and its inhabitants, when the work of redemption shall have been completed. Those who read the Prophet's treatise on the Priesthood in the text above will have their opinions corrected upon this subject; for clearly it is the word of the Lord through the Prophet Joseph Smith which established that doctrine. The utterances of President Brigham Young but repeat and expound the doctrine which the Prophet here sets forth.

†Doctrine and Covenants, Sec. 107: 53-57.

the power of the Priesthood, but he could not. In the first ages of the world they tried to establish the same thing; and there were Eliases raised up who tried to restore these very glories, but did not obtain them; but they prophesied of a day when this glory would be revealed. Paul spoke of the dispensation of the fullness of times, when God would gather together all things in one, etc.; and those men to whom these keys have been given, will have to be there; and they without us can not be made perfect.

These men are in heaven, but their children are on the earth. Their bowels yearn over us. God sends down men for this reason. "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them that do iniquity" (Matt. 13: 41).

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed. The mustard seed is small, but brings forth a large tree, and the fowls lodge in the branches. The fowls are the angels. Thus angels come down, combine together to gather their children, and gather them. We can not be made perfect without them, nor they without us; when these things are done, the Son of Man will descend, the Ancient of Days sit; we may come to an innumerable company of angels, have communion with and receive instructions from them. Paul told about Moses' proceedings; spoke of the children of Israel being baptized (1. Cor. 10: 1-4). He knew this, and that all the ordinances and blessings were in the Church. Paul had these things, and we may have the fowls of heaven lodge in the branches, etc.

The "Horn" made war with the Saints and overcame them, until the Ancient of Days came; judgment was given to the Saints of the Most High from the Ancient of Days; the time came that the Saints possessed the Kingdom. This not only makes us ministers here, but in eternity.

Salvation can not come without revelation; it is in vain for anyone to minister without it. No man is a minister of Jesus Christ without being a Prophet. No man can be a minister of Jesus Christ except he has the testimony of Jesus; and this is the spirit of prophecy. Whenever salvation has been administered, it has been by testimony. Men of the present time testify of heaven and hell, and have never seen either; and I will say that no man knows these things without this.

Men profess to prophesy. I will prophesy that the signs of the coming of the Son of Man are already commenced. One pestilence will desolate after another. We shall soon have war and bloodshed. The moon will soon be turned into blood. I testify of these things, and that the coming of the Son of Man is nigh, even at your doors. If our souls and bodies are not looking forth for the coming of the Son of Man; and after we are dead, if we are not looking forth, we shall be among those who are calling for the rocks to fall upon them.

The hearts of the children of men will have to be turned to the fathers, and the fathers to the children, living, or dead, to prepare them for the coming of the Son of Man. If Elijah did not come, the whole earth would be smitten.

There will be here and there a Stake [of Zion] for the gathering of the Saints. Some may have cried peace, but the Saints and the world will have little peace from henceforth. The Gospel net gathers of every kind. The last revelation says, Ye shall not have time to have gone over the earth, until these things come. It will come as did the cholera, war, fires, and earthquakes; one pestilence after another, until the Ancient of Days comes, then judgment will be given to the Saints.

Whatever you may hear about me in Kirtland, take no notice of it; for if it be a place of refuge, the devil will use his greatest efforts to trap the Saints. You must make yourselves acquainted with those men who like Daniel pray three times a day toward the House of the Lord. Look to the Presidency and receive instruction. Every man who is afraid, covetous, will be taken in a snare. The time is soon coming, when no man will have any peace but in Zion and her stakes.

I saw men hunting the lives of their own sons, and brother murdering brother, women killing their own daughters, and daughters seeking the lives of their mothers. I saw armies arrayed against armies. I saw blood, desolation, fires. The Son of Man has said that the mother shall be against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother. These things are at our doors. They will follow the Saints of God from city to city. Satan will rage, and the spirit of the devil is now enraged. I know not how soon these things will take place; but with a view of them, shall I cry peace? No! I will lift up my voice and testify of them. How long you will have good crops, and the famine be kept off, I do not know; when the fig tree leaves, know then that the summer is nigh at hand.

We may look for angels and receive their ministrations, but we are to try the spirits and prove them, for it is often the case that men make a mistake in regard to these things. God has so ordained that when He has communicated, no vision is to be taken but what you see by the seeing of the eye, or what you hear by the hearing of the ear. When you see a vision, pray for the interpretation; if you get not this, shut it up; there must be certainty in this matter. An open vision will manifest that which is more important. Lying spirits are going forth in the earth. There will be great manifestations of spirits, both false and true.

Being born again, comes by the Spirit of God through ordinances. An angel of God never has wings. Some will say that they have seen a spirit; that he offered them his hand, but they did not touch it. This is untrue. First, it is contrary to the plan

of God; a spirit can not come but in glory; an angel has flesh and bones; we see not their glory. The devil may appear as an angel of light. Ask God to reveal it; if it be of the devil, he will flee from you; if of God, He will manifest Himself, or make it manifest. We may come to Jesus and ask Him; He will know all about it; if He comes to a little child, He will adapt himself to the language and capacity of a little child.

Every spirit, or vision, or singing, is not of God. The devil is an orator; he is powerful; he took our Savior to a pinnacle of the Temple, and kept Him in the wilderness for forty days. The gift of discerning spirits will be given to the Presiding Elder. Pray for him that he may have this gift. Speak not in the gift of tongues without understanding it, or without interpretation. The devil can speak in tongues; the adversary will come with his work; he can tempt all classes; can speak in English or Dutch. Let no one speak in tongues unless he interpret, except by the consent of the one who is placed to preside; then he may discern or interpret, or another may. Let us seek for the glory of Abraham, Noah, Adam, the Apostles, who have communion with [knowledge of] these things, and then we shall be among that number when Christ comes.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDED IN EDUCATION.

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT.

I AM deeply interested and always have been so in our Church school system. Man is, as we all know, a triple being; there is the spirit first and foremost, then the mind or intellect, and lastly the body. Unless the spirit is properly educated, our education is not complete and we have a lop-sided individual.

When I was a young man, in reading some statistics, I was astonished to find that there was a higher percentage of education within the state penitentiary of Massachusetts than there was outside of it; that is, that the average was better in the penitentiary than in the remainder of the state. This made a very profound impression upon my mind. From that time until the present, I have seen nothing and read nothing but what has confirmed me in the conviction that the mere development and improvement of the body and the intellect by education, without developing the spirit, does not accomplish what education ought to do for a person. To my mind, and I have repeated it time and time again whenever I have spoken in our Church schools and in private in regard to schools, the specific purpose of the Church school system is to make Latter-day Saints—to educate the heart, so to speak. The heart is the engine and if it is all right, we can generally get along pretty well so far as the head and the other

parts of the body are concerned ; but unless the heart of a man is right, unless a man is determined to do good, unless he believes in God and in Jesus Christ, and believes in the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith, he can not accomplish what he might achieve in this Church if he had that knowledge. It is to implant that knowledge in the hearts of the people that we have a school system, and if the Church school system fails to do this, it will not have accomplished the thing for which it was organized, that which is expected of it, and which we all hope and pray for it to do.

I am very sorry indeed that a great many simply study and learn the words, so to speak, the letter of things, without getting the spirit of them. The spirit, we are told, gives life and animation and power, and it is to develop the spirit of man that we have established this Church school system. Last year, counting what the good people paid for tuition, over one million dollars were expended in our Church school system. That is a tremendous amount of money ; yet I think it was very well expended. I believe it was well worth it. I said once, that if the University at Provo, originally known as the Brigham Young Academy, had done no more than to have converted and made a thorough Latter-day Saint of Stephen L. Chipman, it was worth all it had cost up to the time that he graduated. I have often remarked that if all of our missionaries who have gone to Germany had never accomplished anything more than the converting of one man, Karl G. Maeser, it was worth all of the expenditure, because one splendid worker for the Church of Christ here on the earth, a man devoting his life, thought, care and all the ability that he possesses for the advancement of God's kingdom, will assist in the salvation of very many souls ; and a single soul saved is of more value than the wealth or intelligence of the world, because without salvation our wealth or intelligence will be of no particular value to us. Every Latter-day Saint should have before his eyes the great prize, the pearl of great price—life eternal—the greatest thing in all the world that can be secured by the labor in which we are engaged, and we should never lose sight of that. I believe that the teacher who has a love of God and a knowledge of Him, a love of Jesus Christ and a testimony of His divinity, a testimony of the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith ; who implants these things in the hearts and very beings of the children he is teaching, that such a teacher is engaged in one of the noblest and most splendid and remarkable labors that any person can be engaged in.

I have always had a splendid and high regard for teachers ever since I myself once tried to teach. I taught penmanship and bookkeeping in the old Deseret University, now the University of Utah. I never realized how difficult it is to convey one's ideas to somebody else until I engaged in teaching. I would borrow a

half dollar from the boys and tell them to make an entry of it, and almost invariably, they would credit me with that half dollar. When I made out a bill and requested them to pay the debts according to their own books, they would complain and say, why, you owe me the half dollar. I would say, "Your own book and your own handwriting testify that you owe me a half dollar and I want you to pay your debts," and I had to adopt a great many methods of that kind to hammer such things into the heads, so to speak, of those whom I was trying to teach book-keeping. It gave me a remarkable respect for those who are engaged in the occupation of teaching.

It has fallen to my lot to visit a great many of our Church schools, small and large, and frequently to meet with teachers and students of the Latter-day Saints University, and occasionally with those in Provo. I regret that the charters of the Brigham Young College and of the Brigham Young University are of such a character that I have to stand at the head of these schools. I regret this, because I do not believe as much can be accomplished by having an ex-officio person at the head of them, for my time is so occupied that practically I can give no personal attention to these institutions. Good would be accomplished if we could so arrange it that some individual who could be on the ground and take a more active part were the president. But this is getting away from my subject.

The whole sum and substance of my subject is contained in the fact that there is one thing, and only one, that these schools ought to do, and that is to make Latter-day Saints; and, as the salvation of the children of God here on earth is the purpose for which the Gospel has again been revealed, that is the reason for the establishment of these schools, and the specific reason.

Unless these schools, had been established, I believe that some of the strongest, best and most noble workers in the Church of Christ would not have been such noble workers, would not have their faith, would have gone away for their education without a love of God in their hearts, and would not to-day be numbered in the membership of the Church. I believe that as a cold-blooded business proposition, we should try to discern and find out the spirit of men and women teaching in these schools, to see to it that we haven't somebody teaching there just because there is as good a salary as they could get somewhere else or because they can do better financially.

When we can get rid of every teacher who has not the love of God and the love of Jesus Christ and the love of this work and of implanting in the hearts of the children the testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and have only those who are determined to make Latter-day Saints, then this school system will grow more rapidly than it has in the past, and the specific object for which it was created will be more rapidly attained.

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DAVID O. MCKAY, Editor.

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EDITORIAL:

THAT REMARKABLE INFLUENCE.

MANY years have passed since that morning in June when the emigrant ship *Amazon* lay "broadside-on to the wharf" in the London docks. On that morning, Charles Dickens "went on board their ship to bear testimony against the 'Mormons' if they deserved it," and he "fully believed they would"; but to his "great astonishment, they did not deserve it"; so he concluded his testimony as an "honest witness" by saying: "I went over the *Amazon's* side, *feeling it impossible to deny that, so far, some remarkable influence had produced a remarkable result, which better known influences have often missed.*" Intervening years have given ample opportunity for the world to study the results of that Remarkable Influence.

Before this article can appear in the *Star*, there shall have been held in various parts of the world, and particularly in the State of Utah, fitting celebrations commemorative of the entrance of the first Pioneer band into the valley of the Great Salt Lake. Some Remarkable Influence had carried them over a thousand mile pilgrimage, "which," said an English writer in 1852, "has not been paralleled in the history of mankind since Moses led the Israelites from Egypt."

From July 24th, 1847, to June in the early 60's, when Charles Dickens as the Uncommercial Traveller went aboard the *Amazon*, "Mormon" emigrants by thousands and tens of thousands had crossed seas and plains, and "gathered with the Saints" in the Rocky Mountains. Each company—we might almost say with accuracy each individual—was impelled to take the journey by the same Remarkable Influence which had actuated the original Pioneers.

This same Influence produced such remarkable results among every emigrant ship under control of the Latter-day Saints that "The Select Committee of the House of Commons on emigrant ships for 1864," after having summoned the "Mormon" agent and passenger-broker before it, "came to the conclusion that no ships under the provisions of the 'Passenger Act' could be depended upon for comfort and security in the same degree as those under his (the 'Mormon' agent's) administration." "The 'Mormon' ship

is a family under strong and accepted discipline, with every provision for comfort, decorum, and internal peace," they reported.

From the day of the organization of the Church, that Remarkable Influence has impelled men, women and children who had reached majority, if necessary—and often it has been—to leave comfortable homes and to endure privations and hardships. It has succored them in distress, and comforted them in sorrow. It has enabled them to endure the significant shrug and the contemptuous sneer of their one-time friends and associates.

That Remarkable Influence gave men and women strength not only to walk a thousand miles, but also to pull hand carts on which were piled their scanty supplies of utensils and clothing. It inspired women with unwavering faith in the overruling power of God, as with heartstrings stretched to the breaking point, they stood by open graves in the prairie, and saw their husbands, who had succumbed to the rigors of fatigue and starvation rudely covered with cold and pitiless clay. Elder John Walsh, now a missionary in Great Britain, when but four years of age, buried his little face in the folds of his mother's dress, while his weak and frail body shook with sobs, as he stood fatherless and she husbandless with a babe in her arms, by the side of a grave in which their husband and father found his final rest with nine others who had died the same night!

That mother is still living, still true to the Church, still testifying that some Remarkable Influence has sustained her and has blessed her and her children. And her son, with a rich experience of three score and ten years, is now testifying to the British nation that remarkable results follow the adherence to that Remarkable Influence which inspired his parents and tens of thousands of other Englishmen to embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ as restored through the Prophet Joseph Smith.

What is this Influence which made eight hundred emigrants so orderly and contented; which merited the commendation from a select committee from the House of Commons; which sustained pilgrimages that are scarcely paralleled in the history of mankind; which seems stronger than lovers' vows and mightier even than death?

It is the living testimony that God lives, that He is verily our Father, that Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten of the Father, is our Lord and Savior, and that the Gospel, the "power of God unto salvation," has been restored in this age, through the instrumentality of the boy Prophet Joseph Smith.

Blessed is he who is inspired by this testimony, for "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it, but my Father which is in heaven."

This Remarkable Influence and testimony is the "Rock" upon which the Church of Christ is built.

DAVID O. MCKAY.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NORWEGIAN MISSION.

THE annual conference of the Norwegian mission convened in Christiania, July 19th to 21st. There were in attendance: President David O. McKay, Sister Emma Ray McKay, President A. Richard Peterson of the Norwegian mission, Sister Margaret Peterson and the traveling Elders laboring in the Norwegian mission. President Peterson conducted the various sessions under the direction of President McKay.

A Priesthood meeting convened Saturday evening, July 19th. The speakers were President Oluf K. Karlsen of the Bergen conference, President Karl Jensen of the Trondhjem conference, President A. Richard Peterson, Elder Frants Olsen and President David O. McKay. President McKay encouraged the brethren to have brotherly love for one another and to help one another to push along the work.

The Sunday-school session began at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, July 20th, by the congregation's singing, "Let Zion in Her Splendor Rise." Invocation was offered by President Oluf K. Karlsen. The second song was, "Man Speaks Gloriously of God's Work." An interesting program was rendered by the pupils of the Sunday-schools. President McKay and Sister McKay were both presented with a bouquet of roses.

Sister Margaret Peterson, the first speaker, told of her thankfulness in being back in Christiania after a trip to the northern branches of the mission. She asked God's blessings upon the Sunday-school children.

Sister McKay related a story for the children, emphasizing the value of obedience. She thanked the children most heartily for the flowers they had presented to her.

President McKay outlined the evils of the use of tobacco, telling of its effect upon those who become addicts. He cited statistics compiled by a college professor showing the loss of efficiency in tobacco-users. President McKay appealed to all to keep their bodies clean and not to become human wrecks.

The session closed by the congregation's singing, "Rejoice, Ye Sons of Zion." Elder A. A. Nylander pronounced the benediction.

At 12:15, Sister McKay held a meeting of the Relief Society workers. Sister Borghild Nylander gave a general report and told of the good work that is being done by the Relief Society. Sister McKay expressed pleasure over the improvement made over the previous year. She cautioned the sisters to avoid slander and backbiting in their societies, and urged them to better their socials by doing their best to make everyone comfortable.

The second session of conference commenced at 2 p.m., by the congregation's singing, "O My Father, Thon That Dwellest." Elder Frants Olsen spoke the invocation. The sacramental song

was, "Now We Gather." The sacrament was administered by Elder Willard F. Arveseth and Brother Anton Jensen.

The general, the European mission and the Norwegian mission authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

The first speaker was Elder Ernest A. Jorgensen. He bore a strong testimony of the truth of the Gospel.

Elder J. Leland Andersen exhorted all to live the Word of Wisdom.

Sister Borghild Nylander expressed regret that she must soon return home. She said she is thankful for the Gospel.

President Karl Jensen spoke on the atonement of Christ. He told of the necessity of obeying those in authority, saying man can keep the Spirit of the Lord by living up to His commandments.

Sister K. Olsen said that she is thankful that she has the opportunity of being back in her native country to preach the Gospel.

Elder Frants Olsen thanked the Gospel for all that he has. He said he is glad to be back in his native land to preach the Gospel. He exhorted his hearers to keep the Word of Wisdom.

President Oluf K. Karlsen spoke on the principle of humility. He bore a strong testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel.

The congregation sang, "O Say, What is Truth?"

President McKay gave a very forceful and interesting discourse on honesty. He told of an incident in the British House of Parliament where a certain peer attached more value to his oral bond than to his written bond. He told of Damon and Pythias, of their love for each other, and of the confidence each had in the honesty of the other. President McKay called attention to the promises that are made when a person partakes of the sacrament and said that a person must honor those promises or suffer the consequences. The speaker closed with the prayer that the Saints will remember their promises unto the Lord.

The closing hymn was, "We Shout in Joy with One Another." Elder J. Leland Andersen pronounced the benediction.

Immediately following the afternoon session, a special meeting of the officers and the teachers of the various auxiliary organizations was held. President McKay gave timely advice on various phases of the work. He pointed out three essentials for improving the fast meetings in the mission: first, hold the meeting at the correct time, preferably in the afternoon; second, it is not absolutely necessary that each one present bear his testimony; if there are not enough people present to hold a long meeting, hold a short one; third, overcome the indifference of the members, and try to increase the attendance at fast meetings. President McKay spoke on the subject of paying fast offerings, pointing out the blessings that accrue to those who observe this principle of the Gospel. He spoke regarding tithing settlement at the end of each year, and the proper recording of tithing

payments. President McKay encouraged those present to be missionaries by setting a proper example wherever they are.

The final session of conference convened at 7 p.m., by the choir's singing, "O, My Father." Invocation was by President Karl Jensen. The choir rendered the hymn, "I'll Serve the Lord While I am Young."

Elder Axel A. Nylander, the first speaker, said he is thankful to testify of the Gospel which has been again restored to earth. He spoke of the organization of the Church and of its potency. In conclusion he quoted the words of Christ that anyone who enters the kingdom except by the door, the same is a thief and robber.

A quartet, "School Thy Feelings" was rendered in English by four members of the choir.

Elder Ole Hansen spoke of the round of life, how man begins as a child and goes through life, learning good and bad and how he finally dies and goes to the other side to claim his reward for the deeds done in the flesh. Elder Hansen spoke of the resurrection and the glorious principles contemplated in the resurrection.

Elder Axel A. Nylander rendered a flute solo.

President McKay, the next speaker, warmly congratulated President Peterson on the progress made in the Norwegian mission in the preceding eleven months. He also congratulated the presidents of the Trondhjem and the Bergen conference on their good work. He thanked the choir for its beautiful singing during the conference. President McKay spoke on the life and mission of Jesus Christ. He said the people of the world may question the divinity and the resurrection of Christ, but they can not question the greatness of His character. Keep ever before you His great Character, carry it into your business and into your daily life, he urged. President McKay declared that the Saints can ask the Lord to keep them sincere. He said the Lord gives man moral attributes and requires that he live up to them if he is to gain the reward predicated upon them. In the realm of character, we must follow Christ, President McKay declared. He prayed that the influencing day of the Lord will hasten.

The choir sang, "What Was Witnessed in the Heavens?"

President A. Richard Peterson, the final speaker, read the opening passage in the Book of Mormon and said that all parents should so live that their children can pay them the same tribute. He spoke of the great responsibility that rests upon every Latter-day Saint father and every Latter-day Saint mother. President Peterson compared the midnight sun of Norway to the history of the Gospel. For a time the sun shines forth in all its splendor, but later disappears and darkness reigns. So it is with the Gospel. It shines forth in glory, but because of apostasy, darkness envelops the earth. He said the light of the Gospel is again

shining on the earth, and it behooves everyone to bask in its life-giving rays. He urged the Saints to live exemplary lives that they might thereby preach the Gospel to their neighbors and their friends.

The choir sang, "True to the Faith." The benediction was pronounced by Elder Ernest A. Jorgensen.

After the evening session, President McKay met with the members of the choir and encouraged them in their good work. He related the parable of the talents, urging those who have talents to develop them and thereby bring sunshine into the lives of others.

Monday, July 21st, at 9 a.m., under the direction of President McKay and President Peterson, a meeting of the traveling Elders of the Norwegian mission was held. Elder Arthur Aamodt, of the Norwich conference of the British mission, was also in attendance. President McKay requested that each missionary, in five minutes, express his feelings in the work, whether he is in harmony with his fellow-laborers, and the principle of the Gospel that appeals to him most. Each missionary responded as his name was called.

President McKay gave valuable instructions regarding missionary conduct. He spoke of the wonderful transforming power of the Gospel, emphasizing that if men would know if the word is true, they must live it. He cautioned the Elders that when they are released from the mission-field, they are not released from the work of the Lord, but are only transferred to another field of activity. He cited statistics showing that in Christian nations religious training is not accorded to a great many people. Do we need to preach the Gospel in the so-called Christian countries, he asked. He answered that it is necessary. He urged the Elders to exercise care in handling tithes, in auditing records and in making tithing settlements. President McKay exhorted his hearers to give heed to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, to be gentlemen at all times and to uphold the standards of the mission.

During the meeting, Brother Willard F. Arveseth was ordained an Elder and was called to labor in the Norwegian mission.

A social was given by the Relief Society and the Mutual Improvement Association, the evening of the 21st. A very good program was rendered. Sister Emma Ray McKay, President A. Richard Peterson and President David O. McKay spoke, relating incidents of Pioneer life.

ERNEST A. JORGENSEN, Secretary.

LIFE is given us for one great purpose—the growth of character. It matters little what may be our duties, our pleasures, our cares, so only we grow by them. We live well not by doing lofty things but by doing little things in a lofty spirit.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Transfer of Traveling Elder.—Elder Fielding K. Smith has been honorably released from his duties as president of the Sheffield conference, and has been transferred to labor in the London conference.

District Conference.—A successful district conference was held at Lancaster (Liverpool conference) Sunday the 20th ult., at the home of Brother John Bell. The speakers were President Ernest K. Freeckleton and Elders James D. Moyle and Alfred E. Randall.

Appointments of Conference Presidents.—Elder John E. Wahlquist has been appointed president of the Leeds conference to succeed Elder David D. Lamph, who has been honorably released to return to his home.

Elder Willard Boden has been appointed president of the Sheffield conference to succeed Elder Fielding K. Smith who has been transferred to London.

Priesthood Union Meeting.—A Priesthood union meeting of the Birmingham conference convened at Birmingham, Saturday, the 26th ult. President Joseph E. Tillotson pointed out the position of officers and teachers in relation to the Word of Wisdom and in setting exemplary lives. Group meetings of the various auxiliary associations were held, wherein specific information regarding the work of each was given. Reports rendered indicate a steady progression throughout the conference.

Concerts.—The Mutual Improvement Association of the Leeds branch gave a concert the 19th ult., to raise funds for the Boy Scouts. A pleasing program was rendered. All present spent an enjoyable evening.

A concert was given by the Halifax branch (Leeds conference) the 26th ult., to raise funds for the Sunday-school. A well-prepared program was rendered by the children of the Sunday-school. Refreshments were served.

Branch Reorganizations.—The Clayton branch (Leeds conference) was reorganized the 19th ult. Elder Orlando J. Condie was sustained as president to succeed Elder Parley A. Peterson.

The Nelson branch (Liverpool conference) was reorganized the 27th ult. Elder Charcey G. Dockstader with Brother James Pickles as first counselor, was sustained as president to succeed Elder Daniel A. Thompson.

The Wigan branch (Liverpool conference) was reorganized the 27th ult. Elder John H. Holden, with Brother Herbert S. Webster as counselor, was sustained as president to succeed Elder John M. Jones, who has been released to return home.

Branch Conferences.—A successful conference of the Rotherham branch (Sheffield conference) was held the 20th ult. Elder Harley K. Fernelius conducted, under the direction of President Fielding K. Smith. The theme of the morning session was "Reverence in the Home." The speakers in the evening session were President Smith and Elders Harley K. Fernelius, G. Kimball Mellor, George A. Adamson and Lavon E. Darley.

The Askern branch (Sheffield conference) held a successful conference the 27th ult. The various sessions were conducted by Elder Willard Boden under the direction of President Fielding K. Smith. In the first session, short sketches were given of the life of the Prophet Joseph Smith and the difficulties in the religious world during his life. Brief essays and songs were rendered by the Sunday-school pupils. The speakers of the day were President Fielding K. Smith and Elders G. Kimball Mellor, Vernon P. Cole, George C. Midgley, Rowland V. Walker, Rollo E. Watkins and John H. Wilson. Sisters May Prince and Hilda Shaw rendered a pleasing vocal selection.

Socials.—A delightful outdoor social and program in observance of Pioneer Day was held at Varteg (Welsh conference) the 24th ult. President John W. Crofts, all the traveling Elders of the Welsh conference and many Saints and friends of the Varteg and the Abercarn branch joined in the celebration. An athletic program was the feature of the outdoor celebration. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the various events. In the evening, a pleasing program was rendered. Elder Ralph C. Jones delivered a discourse on "Pioneer Day."

In commemoration of Pioneer Day, the Handsworth branch (Birmingham conference) held a social the 24th ult. An interesting program was arranged, which included interesting narrations of Pioneer stories by the traveling Elders. The social was highly successful.

The Nottingham conference held its annual outing at Skegness, the 26th ult. Many Saints and friends enjoyed the interesting attractions at the seaside resort. President Selvoy J. Boyer and four of the traveling Elders of the conference were in attendance.

A farewell social in honor of President David D. Lamph who has been honorably released to return home was held the 28th ult., at Bradford (Leeds conference). A pleasing program was rendered. The guest of honor was presented with a token of remembrance.

Meetings of Traveling Elders.—On Saturday, the 12th ult., the regular monthly Priesthood meeting of the traveling Elders of the Manchester conference was held at Manchester. President Christopher C. Heaton gave valuable instructions for the ensuing month, and encouraged the Elders to live the Gospel. Elder

Russell C. Capener spoke on "Where Are We Going?" Elder Frederick Langton bore a strong testimony and encouraged the brethren to overcome ill-feelings and to love one another.

The regular monthly meeting of the traveling Elders of the Birmingham conference convened at Handsworth the 26th ult. Brief reports were given from each field of labor. Elder Thomas S. Griffiths explained branch financial problems. Matters pertaining to branch records and financial difficulties were discussed under the direction of President Joseph E. Tillotson. In conclusion, Elder Rodney D. Price gave a discourse on "Faith," and Elder Dan A. Hickman discussed the philosophy of work and habit.

July 30th, a Priesthood meeting of the traveling Elders of the London conference convened at "Deseret," with President Emerson C. Willey presiding. Elder Scott S. McCombe gave an excellent talk on the first Article of Faith. Elder O. David Merrill gave an able talk on the needs of the missionaries of the London conference. Each Elder present expressed his feelings in the work and bore his testimony.

MERCY.

THE quality of mercy is not strain'd,
 It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
 Upon the place beneath : it is twice blest ;
 It blesseth him that gives and him that takes ;
 'Tis mightiest in the mightiest : it becomes
 The throned monarch better than his crown ;
 His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,
 The attribute to awe and majesty,
 Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings ;
 But mercy is above this sceptred sway ;
 It is enthroned in the hearts of kings,
 It is an attribute to God himself ;
 And earthly power doth then show likest God's
 When mercy seasons justice.

SHAKESPEARE.

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